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There have been further presented about twenty-five species of Crustacea mainly from our coasts and from Jamaica.

During the year, work has been carried on almost exclusively in the carcinological collection, the specimens having been re-labeled and a catalogue prepared, which will be published in the next volume of the Proceedings. At present all the alcoholic and dried specimens of the Stomatopoda and Macroura have been examined as far as the Homaridea, and the dried specimens through the Loricata.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Professor of the Lower Invertebrata.*

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#### REPORT OF THE CURATOR OF THE WILLIAM S. VAUX COLLECTIONS.

Owing to the continued illness of the Curator of the "William S. Vaux Collections," Mr. Jacob Binder, I am unable to state what additions he had made to the collection during the earlier part of the year, but since I have been acting as his assistant I have purchased 41 specimens of minerals, several of them being of special beauty.

The rooms have been constantly open to the public during the latter part of the year, an attaché of the Academy being in attendance, resulting, it is believed in an increased interest in the science of Mineralogy.

The collections are in good condition, but not in a suitable room for exhibition, as the minerals in the greater number of the cases can be seen only by gas light, which is to be regretted.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Acting Curator.*